



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : David Mark Whitcombe et al.  
Serial No. : 09/700,732  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of 2 months beyond the time period set for filing an Appeal Brief. A check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover this fee is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

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In the event any further Extension of Time is required by this paper, a Petition for such extension is hereby made and authorization provided to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1406 for the cost of such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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